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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 October 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 18-22 and 26-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 18-20,26-31,33,35-37 and 39 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 21,22,32,34,38 and 40 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of the amendment filed 10/25/2005.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 18-22, 26-40 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 21, 22, 32, 34, 38 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The term "preventing" is objected to as not enabled by the instant specification as follows:

The factors to be considered in determining whether a disclosure meets the enablement requirement of 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, have been described in *In re Wands*, 8 USPQ2d 1400 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Among these factors are: (1) the nature of the invention; (2) the state of the prior art; (3) the relative skill of those in the art; (4) the predictability or unpredictability of the art; (5) the breadth of the claims; (6) the amount of direction or guidance presented; (7) the presence or absence of working examples; and (8) the quantity of experimentation necessary. When the above factors are weighed, it is the examiner's position that one skilled in the art could not practice the invention without undue experimentation.

The most pertinent factors involved are:

(1) The nature of the invention:

The invention involves a stent coating of 3-deazaadenosine and its use in treating and preventing reperfusion injury, restenosis, inflammatory and infectious coronary syndromes, dilated cardiomyopathy, Viral myocarditis or infections by parasites.

(2) The state of the prior art

The prior art recognizes increased expression of VCAM-1 and ICAM-1 in vessels showing atherosclerotic plaques.

(3) The relative skill of those in the art

The relative skill of the those in the art is high since experimentation requires Ph.D. or MD level analysis.

(4) The predictability or unpredictability of the art

The unpredictability of the peptide art is very high. While the data in the experimental section supports findings up after 35 days, there is no data to show that plaque formation would occur for any length of time after this.

(5) The breadth of the claims

The claims are very broad. The term prevention implies that plaque formation will never occur again. As stated above, the experimental data does not support this assertion.

(6) The amount of direction or guidance presented

The application does not give any guidance as to how long prevention would occur outside of the working examples.

(7) The presence or absence of working examples

The working examples of the specification involve a study of mice which are sacrificed after 35 days.

(8) The quantity of experimentation necessary

Since the significance of the use of 3-deazaadenosine in the long term prevention of any of these vascular injuries can not be predicted easily from the data presented, the ordinary practitioner would need to examine test animals for quite some time in order to support "preventing" any of the claimed conditions.

Claims 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claim 21 sets out "infections by parasites" as something the claimed stent coating can treat. However, the specification does not set out the type of parasitic infections. Also, is the parasitic infection limited to the circulatory system or does this include cutaneous infections? Clarification is requested.

Claims 18-20, 26-31, 33, 35-37, and 39 are allowed. Correction of the above rejections would place the application in condition for allowance. A call was placed to the attorney of record on 01/13/2006 in an attempt to delete the rejected terms, but no response has been received as of 01/19/2006.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlos A. Azpuru whose telephone number is (571) 272-0588. The examiner can normally be reached on Tu-Fri, 6:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K. Page can be reached on (571) 272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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